



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the application of:

Kent I. Smedley

Application No.: 10/661,087

Filed: September 12, 2003

For: **METHODS AND DEVICES FOR
CONTROLLING FLOW AND PARTICLE
FLUIDIZATION IN A FUEL CELL**

Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: Jonathan Crepeau

Conf. No. 6599

September 14, 2006

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
and RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits the following Response to the Office Action mailed on June 20, 2006 for appropriate action by your office, in which:

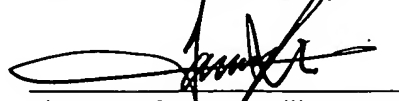
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2; and
Remarks begin on page 7.

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